

REMARKS

Claims 2-5 and 7-22 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 10 and 13 are amended and claims 15-21 are added. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration in of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Huynh during the multiple telephone conferences regarding the Patent Office's delay in entering Applicants' June 3 Supplemental Amendment.

Applicants also appreciate the allowance of claims 2-5 and 7-9. For at least the reasons discussed below, Applicants submit that claims 10-22 are also allowable.

Claims 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Tyler, Denise, *Microsoft Front Page 97*, Sams, net Publishing, January 17, 1997, pgs. 3-29 (hereinafter "Tyler"). The rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Applicants submit that Tyler fails to disclose the combination of features recited in amended claim 10, including, inter alia, generating a goals outline by instantiating at least one document prototype to a selected node of the goals outline, linking the goals outline to a presentation outline based on the inputs and the data, receiving external information, generating at least one card based on the external information, and storing the at least one generated card as data in the memory, wherein at least one of the goals outline and the presentation is linked to the card.

Page 3 of the December 11, 2003 Office Action states that the information plan illustrated in Fig. 1.3 of Tyler corresponds to the goals outline of claim 1. However, nowhere does Tyler disclose or suggest that the outline shown in Fig. 1.3 of Tyler is generated by instantiating at least one document prototype to a selected node of the goals outline.

For at least these reasons Applicants submit that Tyler fails to disclose all the features recited in claim 10. Accordingly, Tyler fails to anticipate all the features of claim 10, as well as all the features of claims 11-12 and 15-20, which depend from claim 10.

Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Tyler in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,347,628 issued to Brewer et al. (hereinafter "Brewer"). The rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Applicants amended claim 13 to more clearly recite the features of the claim. The combination of Tyler and Brewer fails to disclose or suggest a method of authoring a document, comprising, inter alia, generating a goals outline for the document being authored by instantiating a document prototype to a selected node of the goals outline, generating a presentation outline which outlines at least one of an appearance characteristic and a sound characteristic of the document being authored using at least one spacer object in at least one of a spatial layout area and a temporal layout area, linking the goals outline to the presentation outline based on the input and the data, and displaying on a display device a meta-level display of the goals outline and the presentation outline for the document being authored.

Page 6 of the Office Action states that the information plan illustrated in Fig. 1.3 of Tyler corresponds to the goals outline of claim 1. However, as discussed above, nowhere does Tyler disclose or suggest that the outline shown in Fig. 1.3 of Tyler is generated by instantiating at least one document prototype to a selected node of the goals outline.

For at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Tyler and Brewer fails to disclose or suggest all the features of claim 13, as well as all the features of claims 14, 21 and 22, which depends from claim 13. It is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 10-22, in addition to already allowed claims 2-5 and 7-9, are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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